

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1184

WHEREAS, Mary Bello, a seventh-grader at the Girls and Boys Preparatory Academy in Houston, won the inaugural African American National Spelling Bee Championships on May 14, 2011, in Houston; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the African American National Spelling Bee Championships is to improve the spelling skills of African American middle school students, which in turn helps them to raise their reading level and expand their vocabulary; by preparing for the spelling bee, young people develop confidence and discipline, traits that are necessary to excel academically; and

WHEREAS, Students from across Houston competed in two rounds of spelling bees for the opportunity to go to the main event; after advancing through the regional competition, Mary Bello took first place at the championships, and she was sponsored for the contest by her teacher, Brenda Upton; and

WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has distinguished herself with her hard work, determination, and poise under pressure, and she may indeed look forward to a future that is bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby congratulate Mary Bello on winning the African American National Spelling Bee Championships and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mary Bello as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate